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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE ARMY
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Subject: Implementation of Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) 13.201(g)

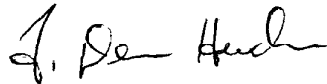
The purpose of this memorandum is to provide guidance on use of the Purchase Card at the increased micro-purchase threshold of \$15,000 as authorized under the cited FAR provision. Specifically, the increased threshold may be used when authorized by the appropriate Head of Contracting Activity (HCA) when procuring supplies or services to facilitate defense, or recovery from, terrorism or nuclear, biological, chemical or radiological attack.

This authority applies only to purchases made (using the card) and funds obligated on or before September 30, 2003. The probability of an extension of this authority is unknown at this time.

Cardholders are required to document their files to show that each purchase made with the card using this authority must show a clear and direct relationship to defense against or recovery from terrorism or nuclear, biological, chemical, or radiological attack. All other statutory and Department of Defense required procurement rules apply i.e., competition or sole source justification when required, prohibition of supplies and services on Service/Agency restricted lists. Level 4 Agency Program Coordinators (A/OPCs) are responsible for ensuring that their cardholders are aware of the regulatory and documentation requirements associated with this authority. In addition, they will ensure that their purchase card reviews address compliance with these requirements.



Level 2 A/OPCs will ensure that this information and guidance is disseminated to all Level 3 and 4 A/OPCs. Our staff point of contact on this matter is Dan Carro and can be reached on 703-681-3417 or e-mail at dan.carro@saalt.army.mil.



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